

Project I.D. No. III

NAME: TANZAWA, FUSATARO DATE OF BIRTH: 1886 PLACE OF BIRTH: YAMANISHI
Age: 83 Sex: M Marital Status: _____ Education: GRAMMAR + 2 YRS PVT SCHOOL

PRE-WAR:

Date of arrival in U.S.: 1904 Age: 18 M.S. M Port of entry: _____
Occupation/s: 1. SCHOOL BOY 2. GROCERY OWNER 3. FARMER
Place of residence: 1. UTAH 2. CALIF 3. IDAHO
Religious affiliation: CHRISTIAN (1910)
Community organizations/activities: JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

EVACUATION:

Name of assembly center: WAS NOT EVACUATED - LIVED IN IDAHO FOR DURATION
Name of relocation center: _____
Dispensation of property: _____ Names of bank/s: _____
Jobs held in camp: 1. _____ 2. _____
Jobs held outside of camp: _____
Left camp to go to: _____

POST-WAR:

Date returned to West Coast: AFTER 1945
Address/es: 1. PASADENA 2. WATSONVILLE (SINCE 1966)
3. _____
Religious affiliation: PRESBYTERIAN
Activities: 1. WORKED AT HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL 2. GROCERY STORE OWNER
If deceased, date, place and age at time of death: _____

Name of interviewer: _____ Date: 1970? Place: WATSONVILLE

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Interview--Mr. Fusataro Tanzawa

He was born on May 19, 1886. I don't have too many things to say about my own life. I am a simple man and I have been able to live up to 83 years old. I consider this god's grace and I am deeply grateful to him.

About my life history, I was born in 1886, in Yamanashi-ken, Nakakoma-gun, Nankomura. My father's name was Sakuzo Tanzawa. I was the second boy. At 14, I finished grammar school, and until I came to this country I studied at my uncle's lower school (his uncle's name was Watahiki Takejiro, and this lower school, private school was called Tenningiju ki, or people of the heavens school). At that time, Japan was in the height of immigration spirit and I desired to go overseas. In 1904, I came to this country. For the first four years in this country, I did many things, including studying English. Around 1908, I do not know the exact date, I came to Salt Lake City, Utah, and there I became a school boy with 13 caucasian people. I became an officer in the church and I also taught Japanese young people at night school. There was a group of caucasian people who were teaching these young people, who number around 20. These people got together to study English. Among the teachers was Mr. Marx, who was a member of the Senate. They not only taught about English, but all about what Christian love was all about and how to live it. We thought this was the only religion that we should accept, so in 1910, I became baptized and moved to Ogden. I worked in a farm in Idaho for two years in a town called Rigby. I was under a grammar school teacher by the name of Mrs. McCoy and there I started a restaurant for the two years I was there. Then I went to Japan and got married and came to our present life. We lived together for over 50 years and we have 3 boys and one girl. My oldest

boy decided to become a minister and went to school. He was a young man when he died. The second and third boys were healthy and they now have their own lives. After Idaho, I had the trust and confidence of the people and I became head of the Japanese Association there. However, after the war, I moved to California, managing groceries for about 20 years. During WWII, we moved from the west coast and went back to Idaho, and there we stayed until after the war at a friend's place. After the war I came back to my own home in Pasadena and had been working for Huntington Memorial Hospital for over 10 years, and retired because of my age. I bought back the store I used to manage before the war, and for 6 years, I managed the place. The house we lived in in Pasadena was in the path of a freeway, so we had to move. So I talked to my second boy, who is teaching at Cabrillo College in Watsonville. Since 1966, I have been living in Watsonville. Right now I am a member of the Presbyterian church where Reverend Koga is ministering to us. I am living a quiet, peaceful, life here. This is my story. June, 1969.



NAME: TANZAWA, MURA DATE OF BIRTH: 5/24/95 PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
Age: 75? Sex: F Marital Status: M Education: GRAMMAR PLUS IN JAPAN
HIGH SCHOOL (PASADENA) 1955
1 YR COLLEGE (PASADENA)
PRE-WAR:
Date of arrival in U.S.: 1919 Age: 24 M.S.M. Port of entry: _____
Occupation/s: 1. CASHIER 2. GROCERY STORE 3. FARMING
Place of residence: 1. IDAHO 2. CALIFORNIA 3. WAL
Religious affiliation: CHRISTIAN (PASADENA)
Community organizations/activities: _____

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Interview--Mrs. Mura Tanzawa

She was born on May 24, 1895. I was born in the city of Yamanashi, in Yamanashi prefecture. I was the second daughter of Kinsaku Kondo. I went to Hayakawa Grammar School. Then I went to Tokyo and stayed at my aunt's place. I went to a girl's school there and then I worked in a post office for 5 years. At that time, I received a special recommendation from the minister of the postal service of Japan, Mr. Shinpei Goto. This is my recollection of the past. At that time, I was encouraged by my friends to become a christian member, so I went to Kofu Kyo-kai, a church in Kofu. There I was baptized by Tamaichiro Hamai. Therefore, I was a christian before I came to this country. After a while, I had the opportunity to marry Tanzawa. In 1918, we started going together, and in December 1918, Tanzawa came to this country (Japan) and on January 16, 1919, we married. At that time I had a double wedding with Tanzawa's younger sister.

In the winter of that same year, I came to the United States. At that time, Tanzawa had a business in Idaho. We were doing a hotel and restaurant at the same time; I was the cashier and he took care of the business and was quite busy in those days. In 1919, we had our first child. Next year we had a daughter. The five years passed so fast. Then we had the Great Depression and we lost all our property. In the winter of 1923, we left Idaho and came to California. We did all kind of things. We started a grocery business. To help the church, we worked very hard. During the war, we left California and went back to Idaho and there we stayed at our friend's place. For three years, we did some farming and since this was not our line of work, we had a difficult time maintaining the place. Our first son became sick. For ten years we took care of him, but then he died. At that time I was sick myself, but I decided to study

again. So I went to the school where my son had gone, and studied there. In 1950, at 55 years old, I went to high school in Pasadena. Also, I attended summer school there. In 1955, when I was 60 years old I received my diploma from high school. Then I studied both the old and new testaments at Pasadena college for one year. At the same time, I was an active member of the church there. My husband Tanzawa had been working for 10 years. He was still healthy, so he went back to the same kind of grocery business and we did that for five years. Then the freeway came to our area, so we moved from Pasadena to Watsonville and sold the property to the State. I am living with my second boy in Watsonville, and here I have Reverend Koga as our Presbyterian minister. We are living peacefully and quietly everyday. The greatest love and gift that I received is to know Christ, believe in Christ, believe in our sin and be saved by the Lord. Now I would like to spread the good news and work hard for the Lord.